

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0038] starting at page 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0038] ~~Tetrabasic~~ Tetrabasic lead sulfate obtained according to the methods of the present invention can be used for the production of lead-acid battery pastes, the production of lead-acid battery plates made with said pastes, and the production of lead-acid batteries subsequently made with them.